

The proposed merger of at&t and T-Mobile USA would not only mean less competition but also job loss. Currently I am employed by T-Mobile USA and I was formerly employed by at&t inc. I chose to leave on my own will due to at&t inc's treatment of their employees and even their customers. Customers were treated terribly because of the company's greed for more money per customer. We were given goals to squeeze every dollar we could out of a customer's monthly service and if we did not do so we lost our jobs despite having a so called Union to protect employees.

At&t plain and simple is in bed with the Communication Workers of America Union and from what we have seen in recent news that the industries unions touch ultimately fail. We watched the auto industry need our help, the airline industry, and even the banking industry has union ties. What we are seeing is the current price of cellular service by such big providers stay high for so called "premium service" but yet consumers pay for the outrageous labor costs. Supposedly at&t can give a better experience for more money but we know they have not been able to handle their current base due to their own failures. They consistently rank in the bottom in customer service and network quality time and time again. Their ways will never change and anyone who remembers when at&t was split in 1986 would agree that we haven't seen any changes in 25 years as far as business practices.

Currently a customer on T-Mobile gets unlimited access with their Smartphone device for \$80 a month. For \$105 a month you can get unlimited talk/text but a 2 gig cap with overages on at&t. Customers save \$25 a month with adds up to \$600 saved over the length of a two year contract. At&t has limited what customers can do with their service due to their own greed. No other carrier in the United States currently limits a customers' data service with an extra cost. Customers currently have the freedom to save money with GSM technology. Taking T-Mobile out of the mix just leaves one network with this technology which is not only bad for U.S. customers but also customers from other countries roaming in the U.S. Only one carrier would have the say in what those companies pay for their customers to use here which is a monopoly by definition for these people.

This proposal would harm the telecommunications industry and all signs point to a two carrier player in the next few years if this is allowed to pass. Why would anti-trust courts split at&t 25 years ago but allow it to come back into a two player team? The scary part is Verizon and the current at&t are both originally part of the original at&t prior to the split. All we have seen slowly is increasing prices on not only cellular but home phone pricing from both companies over the last few years. It will only get worse for customers if there are only two major carriers and a small carrier that won't last long on its own left.